

Example #13: If a cart of mass 10 kg and with an initial speed of 3.5 m/s rolls down a 50 m high frictionless incline and then proceeds to roll up another similar incline to a height of 20 m, what is the speed of the cart at this point?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{At start: } E_T &= E_p + E_k \\ &= mgh + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \\ &= 10(9.8)(50) + \frac{1}{2}(10)(3.5)^2 \\ &= 4961 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{At end: } E_T &= E_p + E_k \\ 4961 &= 10(9.8)(20) + \frac{1}{2}(10)v^2\end{aligned}$$

$$v = 25 \text{ m/s}$$